Where has the time gone?

If I look back and reflect on all that has happened since I began my journey here in week 3 or Term 1, I can honestly say that the more time I spend here, the more grateful I am to both work here, and to send my child here. The staff are professionals that challenge students and each other with learning, they both support those that need, and stretch those that require it also. Staff have a fantastic knowledge of what each child needs due to the fabulous relationships they have created with them. Working in the 4/5/6/7 class as regularly as I do, I can clearly see the improvement in all students in many various ways, including their mindset and effort, we still have room for improvement, but, we are beginning to see the changes and the benefits of those changes too. The difference in our Reception students from those first, timid weeks is remarkable. They are much more confident in their learning inside the classroom and their time in the yard – it is a delight to see each day. I was fortunate that I was able to spend time with the year 2’s briefly earlier in the term when the years 3’s were participating in their first NAPLAN tests. The 3’s were admirable with their positive attitude towards NAPLAN and took on the challenge with confidence, whilst I got to know the year 2’s better by working with them in the mornings, and they were able to teach me a few things too! The resilience some of these students demonstrated was extremely pleasing to see. I look forward to seeing more persistence, resilience and consistent positive effort from the students next Term, in what will be a busy and rewarding one.

A reminder that TOMORROW is a student free day!

Staff will be joined on site with a small number of other teachers from various other schools to learn more about the Digital Technology component of the Australian Curriculum and to participate in a digital sandbox. We are having our Coordinator of Primary Australian Curriculum, Teagan Sargent, run part of the day, and Amanda Bowman, a teacher at Crystal Brook PS, will also be presenting information to us. Amanda has presented at various IT conferences and has considerable knowledge she can share with us. Staffs are looking forward to a day of fun, invigorating learning we can share with our students, beginning next semester.

Reports

Reports will be sent home with students next Wednesday, July 6th. If you would like to discuss anything from your child’s report, please arrange a time with your class teacher. If you are going to be absent on this day, they will be held here until the end of the week and your child returns to school, or, they will be posted out on the last day of term. There is not an availability to collect your child’s report early.

Early Dismissal

On the last day of term, there is early dismissal. We will be finishing 1 hour earlier than usual to run in line with the buses. Assembly will be at 2pm, with the R/1 class presenting briefly, and then the usual Student of the Week and Recognition awards, as well as something special for teachers. We look forward to seeing you there. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday, and look forward to seeing all students return on the first day of Term 3 with cheery smiles on their faces. School resumes on Monday, July 25th.

Warm Regards

Kelly
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*Clay Adams* received this award for working hard to achieve his goals and for excellent maths.

*Well done Clay!*

*Casey Cleggett* received this award for an all round excellent attitude towards her learning.

*Well done Casey!*

**BEE ATTITUDE AWARD**

Is an award recognising students who use our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and compassion. This encouragement award is awarded to:

**GEORGE KLEMM**

For demonstrating respect, responsibility and kindness in helping students with the lunchtime games day, this week, at Laura Primary School.

**RECOGNITION AWARDS**

*Week 7 & 8*

Lillie Shepherdson – for a producing a well planned flip book for Science.
George Klemm – for being an excellent role model in the 4-7 class.
Georgia Winter – for always having a positive attitude and aiming for a high standard of work.

Tess Cleggett – for outstanding work on data collection and graphing.
Isabelle Jackson – for accurate spelling and punctuation.
Thomas Smith – for interesting contributions to class discussions.
Kayden Mill – for excellent work on time in Maths.
Rohan Smith – for his fantastic contribution to our work on plants.
Hailey Zwar – for detailed research on animals.
Cooper Nayda-Carter – for excellent effort and attitude towards his Science Flip Book.
Sophie Clogg – for an excellent plant report.
Harry Staker – for being an excellent caterpillar in our class play.
Lucy Cameron – for great use of scientific words in your report.
Nicholas Venables – for a persistent approach to problem solving in Maths.

Tom Winter – for excellent participation in reading and maths this week.
Will Griffin – for excellent effort in Maths.
Dusty Nayda-Carter – for trying really hard with his English task.
Taylah Palmer and Madison Clogg – for good design and making stills.
Nicki Zanker – for confident leadership
Jobe Stevens – for great maths this week.
Emma Zanker – for great work in Technology making your clock.
Chloe Nettle – for accurate work in Spelling and Dictation.
Duncan Clogg – for great effort reading the play with your reading group.
Last Tuesday some people from the Christian community came to our school and provided a morning tea for Staff, in their newly refurbished staffroom. At lunchtime a mini golf and other games were set up in the multi-purpose room for the students. Some ladies came and served the students with a milo and biscuit for afternoon recess. A huge thankyou for the support from the Christian community.

“Love people…..do stuff”, was the motto for the day.

Week 9 Café welcomed parents and a grandparent to our café. Thankyou to students who are willing to take time at recess and lunchtimes to make the delicious food that they serve.
A reminder that **Jump Rope for Heart** will be held on Monday July 4th from 1.30-3pm approx. **Please return all sponsorship forms and money on the day.** Parents who have registered online are asked to print out their child’s form.
The children are asked to wear something **RED** with their uniform
A close eye is being kept on the weather, should it be wet on the day we hope to ‘jump off’ on Tuesday.
Parents are invited to attend and participate with their children’s skipping.
Sandra Zander

The Kindy and the School try to work together at least twice a term to assist with transition from Kindy to School. On Wednesday we went to the Kindy for a play. Students love these days as they get to know each other, have some great social interaction and the new students and I get to know each other. We are very fortunate to have the Kindy so close and to live in a small caring community.
Lyn Moore
The 4/5’s and 6/7’s separate for Maths on Mon-Thursday. This helps to teach specific curriculum outcomes. The 4/5’s Maths lessons are a combination of mental routines, problem solving hands on tasks, bookwork, using computers & ipads, sharing strategies and having fun and learning. Here are some photos of the 4/5’s doing maths and benefiting from having a smaller Maths class.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

AUS CONDON MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

TUESDAY 19TH July 2016 at Laura Golf Club

10.00 start

Ambrose competition
$80.00 per team & includes, morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea
Championship Event, Handicap Event, Long Drive Ladies & Men
Prize money for Hole In One

All proceeds to the Laura Community Development & Tourism Association

FREE Community Talk

Friday 8th July, 7pm
at Clare Valley Childrens Centre

9 Ingredients for a Successful Start to School
Presented by Clare Crew: Early Childhood & Special Education Teacher, Mum & Child Development Consultant

This presentation shares valuable information for parents of babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children, those who are progressing well in their development and those who are not.

A full day workshop for educators and therapists will follow on Saturday 9th July.

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